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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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TAGS: PFOR, OAS

SUBJECT: OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE MTG AT LIMA

REF: STATE 154688

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN ARENALES AUG 8, I ASKED HIM FOR HIS VIEWS ON LIMA MTG AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 5 REFTEL EXPRESSED OUR HOPE THAT MODERATE VOICES SUCH AS GUATEMALA WOULD SPEAK OUT DURING NEXT ROUND IN WASHINGTON.

2. ARENALES SAID HE BELIEVED THAT LIMA MTG HAD SERVED PRIMARILY AS VERBAL ESCAPE VALVE FOR COUNTRIES WITH PRESUMED GRIEVANCES AGAINST U.S., THT WHOLE LIMA EXERCISE NOT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE AND DID NOT REPRESENT SIGNIFICANT DANGER TO VIEWS OF MORE MODERATE OAS MEMBERS. HE SAID HE THOUGH THAT NEXT ROUNDS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MTGS WOULD RESULT IN GREAT NUMBER OF COMPROMISES AND MOFIFICATIONS OF PROPOSALS THAT MIGHT BE TABLED BY MORE "RADICAL" MEMBERS.

3. ARENALES SAID THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO AMBASSADOR CASTLLO WERE TO TAKE A DISCREET STANCE AND TO COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH U.S. DELEGATES ON MATTERS WE
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CONSIDERED OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST TO US. HE SAID

CASTILLO ALSO INSTRUCTED OPPOSE ANY INITIATIVE CON-
SIDERED HARMFUL TO GUATEMALAN INTERESTS
IN BELIZE AND TO ABSTAIN ON QUESTIONS INVOLVING CUBA.

4. IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, DIRECTOR
FONMINISTRY DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
(GUSTAVO SANTISO GALVEZ), WHO ATTENDED LIMA SESSION,
SAID HE BELIEVED
THAT LIMA MTGS HAD BEEN QUALIFIED
SUCCESS. ALTHOUGH HE WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT NOTHING MUCH
CONCRETE CAME OUT OF DISCUSSIONS, HE FELT SOLID BASIS
FOR FUTURE MEETINGS HAD BEEN LAID. HE NOTED HE HAD
BEEN PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH AMBASSADOR JOVA'S
COMMENT ON IMPLICATIONS OF AN OAS WITHOUT U.S., WHICH
HE DESCRIBED AS VERY NEATLY PUT.

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